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3. OPEC Developments. Gloom surrounding OPEC developments lightened slightly this week when efforts were made jointly by Petroleum Minister YAMANI and Aramco executives to resume discussions about terms of company offer rejected December 4 in Beirut by OPEC membership. Meanwhile it appears that certain firebrands within Petroleum Ministry are pressing Yamani to assume tough posture.

4. Saudi Arabia Draws Western Trade Missions. Strong trade delegations from three of the United States' principal competitors in the Saudi market have visited Saudi Arabia within last few weeks. A seven-man Canadian Communications and Electronics Mission arrived for short visit in late November. They were followed by distinguished British mission, sponsored by the Council for Middle East Trade, and headed by that organization's Chairman, Earl of Inchcape. Members of this mission visited Riyadh and Dhahran, were received by King Saud and called on number of government ministers. On December 10, a three-man French delegation, representing number of large French companies, arrived in Jidda in response to invitation from Saudi Government. According to press stories, main purpose of the French delegation's visit is to look into investment possibilities, particularly in fields of minerals and petroleum. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Rising government revenues from oil and increasing emphasis on development projects make Saudi Arabia a promising market for a wide variety of goods and services. The British and French particularly have been making strong efforts to capture a larger share of this market since resuming diplomatic relations with Saudi government. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. US-SAG Television Agreement. Deputy Foreign Minister SAQQAF informed us December 17 that Crown Prince Faysal had warmly approved television agreement with U.S., under which U.S. will act as prime contractor in establishing TV system in Kingdom. Negotiations for agreement have occupied many months. Upon receipt Foreign Ministry note agreeing to terms offered in Embassy's note of December 9, agreement will become effective, and work on project is then expected begin expeditiously. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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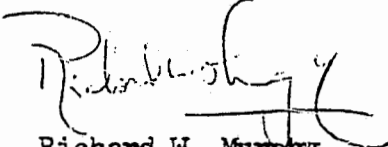
3. U.S. Foreign Aid. Refusal of Appropriations Committee to pass foreign aid figure requested by President Johnson is described by al-Madina newspaper of December 15 as "First defeat for new American President."

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For the Ambassador:



Richard W. Murphy
Second Secretary of Embassy

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